

FALL 2021

We had a wonderful summer and are having a great beginning of the new school year. The children are adjusting well to their new classrooms, routines, and new friends!

With Fall, comes seasonal planning. We will be going on leaf hunts and having the fire trucks coming during "Safety" week in October.

This year we will be having Halloween Classroom parties on Friday October 29th. The children can wear/bring their costumes. (Please see Jilleen for costume restrictions) There will be a sign up sheet for your child's classroom for those who would like to bring in special treats for the party.

Unfortunately, like last year, do to the COVID-19 and it variants still a concern , all parent involved functions, like the Thanksgiving luncheon will need to be put on hold at this point. We thank you for your understanding with this.

Parent/teacher conferences will be by parent request only this fall. If you would like one with your child's teacher, please let me know.

Best,

Jilleen Grice & Terry Kuhl

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What's New

We have made the leap to Teaching Strategies gold! This is exciting for us as we are learning how to use this program to better our curriculum. We can create our lesson plans in this program, as well as track and enter your children's observations and progress. You will also be able to log in and see your children's daily activities and observations, and your child's classroom lesson plan as well.

More information to follow as we get this finalized in each classroom.

Teddy Bears

We are sad to say goodbye to summer. With having a few older babies this past summer we were able to make it outside a bit more to explore. Some loved the feel of grass on their toes more than others

With the older babies moving over to the toddler room we will be welcoming a few new families/babies this fall. We hope to be able to make it out to explore all the beautiful fall colors in our new stroller. While inside our little friends will be working on sitting up and crawling. Our older friends work on sharing, taking turns, sitting at the table and using utensils. We do introduce basic sign language as well which is a great way to communicate with your baby! Everyday we are building relationships, expanding our vocabulary and taking everything in learning and growing! We also like to do lots of snuggling and reading books in the baby room!

When your child is ready to transition to solids, table food or milk please let one of the teachers know. Meals and milk are provided by the center. We are happy to work with you and your child.

We will be checking extra clothes soon to swap out for weather appropriate clothing and sending bug spray and sunscreen home.

Please bring in a family photo to display in the classroom. We display them in our classroom for the children to strengthen their self-recognition and recognition of other family members.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children. If you have any questions or concerns please let one of us know.

Ms. Jackie & Ms. Ashley

The background of the page is a warm, autumnal theme. It features a variety of leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red, scattered across the page. In the bottom center, there is a small cluster of red berries on a dark stem. The overall aesthetic is cozy and seasonal.

Cubs

Happy Beginning of Fall from the Cub room!

I, Ms. Justine will be taking over as lead teacher, and will be helping train Ms. Amy. Ms. Amy and I are happy to be working together. We are helping our friends transition to their new classroom . We are learning to sleep on cots, sit at the table for meals, keep our belongings in our cubby, are being introduced to many new toys and activities. We love seeing the little ones smile when they learn or experience something new as we work with them. We are excited for the many fun activities in the months ahead.

Ms. Justine and Ms. Amy

Koalas

Hello, from the Koala classroom

While a few of our older friends moved downstairs to their new classrooms we added a few new friends to our class, we've been working hard over the past few months on using our silverware at mealtimes and having good table manners, potty training (trying to verbalize and tell a teacher when we need to go to the bathroom) and so much more. We also recently got a few new toys to play and learn with! You might want to switch out clothing because this time of year we all know the weather can be unpredictable. Maybe bring a light jacket or sweater for the mornings because it is starting to get a little chilly out there. By the end of September sunscreen and bug spray will be sent home. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us.

Mrs. Anissa and Ms. Izzy

Pandas

Let's all welcome our new friends to the Panda room! I, Mrs. Kenzie, am starting this school year with some new additions to our curriculum. I will continue to encourage growth in all areas of development and look forward to tracking this growth along with you all as a family! We will be working on letter recognition, letter-sound recognition, patterns, counting up to 10 with recognition of the numbers themselves. I will also be working on some social-emotional development, for example working on self-soothing and how to solve social problems. I will also be encouraging growth in their vocabulary. Slowly introducing new words and meanings each day. We will have increased story times as well. We will have our main story time which will be included during our circle time that is the focus of our lesson for the day! Don't forget to check our daily board in the library to find some information on what our lesson was about for the day!

Now that fall is approaching extra clothes may need to begin to start changing to a bit warmer clothes and on those chilly days please make sure to bring a light jacket for your child. The outdoors is a wonderful environment to continue their growth in many areas! I look forward to the school year ahead and to continue our growth as classroom!

Let's Get to Learning,

Mrs. Kenzie



Grizzlies

Hello Grizzlies Families,

First I'd like to welcome my new students to the Grizzly room! I'm very happy to have the 4-K students in my class this Fall. I'm also excited to have some familiar faces in my classroom this school year! As the school year continues I'd like to send a reminder that masks are still mandatory while children are riding the bus, so please keep at least one in their backpacks or cubby. Another quick reminder to dress children for colder weather when we get later into the Fall season. In class we look forward to doing Holiday and Autumn themed activities. Finally there will be no school for Waterloo Elementary on Monday September 20th, excited to have my class back together for the day. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to talk to me directly at any time, thank you!

Tony

From the Kitchen

Greetings from the kitchen. Well summer has come to an end, and the kids are happily back to school, finally. I so enjoy seeing the kids at meal times. During the summer I focused on cold sandwiches and cold pasta salads. With the weather turning cooler already I will be making some home-made soups, chilis, and casseroles. I will also focus on making some fall favorites with pumpkins and apples.

Ms. Barb

Important Dates:

- **October-Friday 29th -Halloween Classroom Parties and Trick or Treat at the center**
- **November-Parent/Teacher Conferences by parent request**
- **November-Thursday 25th & Friday 26th-Center Closed for Thanksgiving**

Reminders

- Please remember that if your child sick to please keep them home. If we need to call you due to your child becoming ill during the day, they need to be picked up within an hour of being called.
- Please remember to call if your child will not be here by 9:00 am. Also please tell us if they will not be returning on the school bus after school.
- It is that time of year with warm and cool days. Please keep a variety of seasonal clothes here for your child, or at least bring in a sweater or jacket for us to layer them with.
- Sunscreen and Bug spray will be going home soon.
- Please bring in a family picture for us to display in our classrooms.